disposed of the petitions with directions to the Regional Provident Fund Commissioner to grant eligible benefits to the petitioners. However, the RPFC, Kerala has appealed before the Division Bench against the directions of Single Bench saying that the decision was not in accordance with the existing provisions of Employees Pension Scheme, 1995. The matter is *sub judice*.

(d) The Employees Pension Scheme, 1995 is administered by Employees Provident Fund Organisation. It is not operated by the State Government.

I.L.O.'s help for poverty alleviation

2658. DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state :

(a) whether the country has sought the help of the International Labour Organisation in rooting out poverty;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the ILO's response to the request?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Does not arise.

Progress regarding eradication of child labour

†2659. SHRI ABHAY KANT PRASAD: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have written any letter to the Chief Ministers of such States where the child labour is prevalent emphasizing the need of holding regular discussion to monitor the constant progress with regard to abolition of the child labour;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.